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Eielson AFB, Alaska
Home of the Icemen Team

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A Spouses' Deployment Fair is 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the community center. The fair will include free video recordings for spouses to read bedtime stories, holiday family photos, drawings for overnight hotels and door prizes. Call 377-3071 or 377-2130.

Around Eielson

A quick look at what's going on

Today

► 7 p.m., **Walk the Line** (PG-13) shows at the base theater.

Saturday

► 7 p.m., **Derailed** (R) shows at the base theater.

Sunday

► 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Family Breakfast at the Yukon Club. Call 377-2635.

► 1 p.m., **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG) shows at the base theater.

► 7 p.m., **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG) shows at the base theater.

Monday

► Daily specials 4-9 p.m. at Yukon Jakes. Delivery and take-out available. Call 377-2228.

Thursday

► 7 p.m., **Walk the Line** (PG-13) shows at the base theater.

► 4-8 p.m. A pasta bar takes place at Yukon Club.

Friday

► 7 p.m., **Saw 2** (R) shows at the base theater.

Equal listing available Tuesday

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for Airmen returning from overseas – and continental United States mandatory movers for May through July – requirements will be available Tuesday.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights or commander's support staff to update their preferences. Deployed Airmen must work with their personnel support or contingency operations representative to update assignment preferences.

Airmen must update assignment preferences by Jan. 26. If selected, they will receive notification no later than Feb. 15, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty code and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the lists.

To view the lists, Airmen can go online to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and then log into the Assignment Management System, or by visiting their local military personnel flight. Courtesy of AFPC News Service.

"To Fight and Support the Fight - Any Time, Any Place"



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rachel Goff

Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser, commander of 11th Air Force and Alaskan Command, passes the colors to Eielson's new 354th Fighter Wing commander, Col. David Scott, in a change of command ceremony Tuesday.



Change of command

Eielson welcomes new commander

by Lt. Col. KellyAnn Thompson
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

On Tuesday morning, the Icemen of the 354th Fighter Wing welcomed their new commander, Col. David Scott, and his family to Eielson AFB. In the traditional military

change of command ceremony, Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser, commander of 11th Air Force and Alaskan Command, took the wing flag from outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson, and passed the colors to Colonel Scott.

General Fraser addressed the large crowd gathered in Eielson's Thunderdome and commented on the base's proud past and bright future. Regarding Eielson's new commander, the general commented, "Colonel Scott is clearly the right man, at the right

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Four Icemen promoted in STEP

by Tech. Sgt. William Farrow
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Just days before Christmas, four Icemen earned their present early when wing leadership stopped by their respective work centers to promote them under the Stripes for Exceptional Performance program.

Each year, the Air Force releases a limited number of slots—usually less than 200, Air Force-wide—for a STEP promotion. The slots are usually distributed to the various Major Commands, who then usually distribute them to installations. There are generally only two or three STEP allocations given to each Wing per year. Wing commanders can then use these allocations to promote individuals to staff sergeant, technical sergeant and master sergeant.

"The talents of these people represent the talents of the entire Icemen Team," explained Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Kenney, 354th Fighter Wing Command Chief. "Since only one-to-two percent of Airmen in the Air Force receive the promotion, it showcases the best-of-the-best," he said.

Icemen STEP promoted to master sergeant were Steve Brown, 354th Operation Support Squadron, assistant tower chief controller and Cynthia Barrowman, 354th Communications Squadron NCO in charge of standards and evaluation. Promoted to technical sergeant was Christian Booker, 354th Maintenance Squadron electro/environmental assistant section chief and Lance Belcher, 354th Contracting Squadron contracting specialist.

Sergeant Brown, an air traffic controller with 16 years in the Air Force, was promoted to master sergeant after filling a senior master sergeant's position and also leading Eielson's air traffic controllers tower operations in 10,000 incident free sorties, including 2,700 incident free tower operations for COPE Thunder 05-1 and 05-2. According to his supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. Johnny Turner, Sergeant Brown is "the most well rounded NCO I've seen in 17 years."

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Eagle Eyes: It's everyone's responsibility

Compiled from staff reports
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Air Force neighborhood watch program, Eagle Eyes, is helping Icemen Team members remain aware of their surroundings, which is an important part of preventing terrorism.

"Eagle Eyes" is predicated on the notion that terrorist attacks don't just happen – rather, they are preceded by meticulous, observable planning steps. With that in mind, "Eagle Eyes" educates Airmen and citizens alike on the essence of those planning steps, thereby enlisting their eyes and ears to help foil terror in the planning stages.

"Eagle Eyes" can be thought of as an Air Force-focused, worldwide "neighborhood watch." Since its inception in April of 2002, when the Air Force Chief of Staff signed a memo of endorsement, "Eagle Eyes" programs have been put in place at all Air Force installations and wherever the Air Force has interests.

While the "neighborhood watch" analogy is a legitimate one, there is a key difference for "Eagle Eyes" pertaining to "common knowledge."

With a neighborhood watch program, you don't have to educate a citizen that someone snatching a purse or shooting a gun or climbing out a window with a television would be cause to call the authorities.

On the other hand, the stages of terrorism planning are not common knowledge. That's why "Eagle Eyes" requires a vigorous, ongoing education campaign – to make them common knowledge, thereby spurring recognition and reporting.

The first step in reporting suspicious activities is knowing what to look for.

The following are some suspicious behaviors that

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Ana Bouck

"Firing" up the New Year

More than 100 Icemen and their families brought in the New Year during Eielson's annual New Year's Eve Bonfire on Moose Lake.

ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom - 60
Enduring Freedom - 56
Other - 4
Total = 120
As of Jan. 3

WEEKEND WEATHER

Today

High 0, Low -20
Mostly Cloudy

Sunrise: 10:46 a.m.

Sunset: 3:08 p.m.



Saturday

High 5, Low -20
Mostly Cloudy

Sunrise: 10:44 a.m.

Sunset: 3:11 p.m.



Sunday

High 5, Low -20
Mostly Cloudy

Sunrise: 10:42 a.m.

Sunset: 3:14 p.m.



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time, for the right job." The general also expressed his appreciation to Eielson personnel for their hard work, "Icemen, I'm proud of you," he said, "You set standards and reached even higher levels ..."

General Gibson's farewell address praised and thanked the hundreds of Eielson troops in military formation for their support during his 18 months as commander. During the ceremony, General Fraser presented General Gibson the prestigious Legion of Merit medal for his outstanding service and also announced that General Gibson and his wife, Penny are the Pacific Air Forces Command

nominees for the General and Mrs. Jerome O'Malley Award that recognizes a leadership team whose contributions greatly enhanced quality of life and community relations for their base. General Gibson and his family are on their way to Osan AB, Korea where he will serve as 7th Air Force vice commander.

Colonel Scott comes to Alaska from North American Air Defense (NORAD) Command in Colorado Springs where he was vice director of operations. A 1978 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Colonel Scott is a brigadier general select who has more than 3000

hours in the F-4, F-5 and F-16. In his remarks during the change of command, Colonel Scott expressed his gratitude to General Fraser for the opportunity to command, thanked General Gibson for his leadership at Eielson and thanked his wife, Lisa, his five children and his parents for their unwavering support of his career. Colonel Scott's father, Lt. Gen. (retired) Winfield Scott served as commander of Alaskan Air Command from 1978-1981 and during the reception commented he was excited to return to Alaska and was very proud of his son.

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Sergeant Barrowman showed her metal by winning the Air Force 2004 Communication and Information Management Outstanding Information Manager of the year 2004. With her technical expertise recognized at the Air Force, command, base and nit level, her initiative in development of IM training and evaluation. According to Maj. Michelle Hayworth, 354th Communication Squadron commander, sergeant Barrowman is the Air Force's premier information manager who exemplifies NCO professionalism. "She was a slam dunk for a STEP promotion," Major Hayworth said.

Sergeant Booker was selected for promotion for innovation and inspirational leadership. "The time he spent training other electro/environmental Airmen and improving E/E maintenance actions garnered his new stripe," said Lt. Col.

Mark Murphy, 354th Maintenance Squadron commander. Sergeant Booker also performed outside his career field as well by taking on in-house computer problems as the appointed flight work group manager, reducing computer down time by 30 percent. He also implemented an Airman recognition program increasing his section's morale and esprit-de-corps.

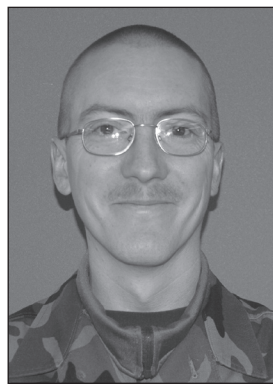
Sergeant Belcher, a 354th Contracting Squadron contract specialist, was promoted for a track record that includes taking-on some of Eielson's most visible and complex contracts—including 58 valued at more than \$10 million. One highlight of his career expertise included working out the details on a first-ever 10 year grounds maintenance contract saving \$1.5 million.



**Master Sgt.
Steve
Brown**



**Master Sgt.
Cynthia
Barrowman**



**Tech. Sgt.
Christian
Booker**



**Tech. Sgt.
Lance
Belcher**

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should be reported:

Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices

Elicitation: Anyone or any organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

Tests of security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to

assess strengths and weaknesses.

Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

Suspicious persons out of place: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stow-aways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

Dry run: Putting people into position and moving them around according to

their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

Iceman Team members can also put themselves and others at risk by releasing classified or sensitive information over the phone and e-mail.

People can report suspicious behavior 24 hours a day by calling 377-5130.

10,000 cookies baked for Icemen



Lt. Col. KellyAnn Thompson

More than 30 volunteers helped make the annual cookie crunch a success Dec. 16. Volunteers baked more than 10,000 cookies for the single Airmen and the families of deployed Airmen.

Cookie drive delivers holiday warmth during Alaskan winter

by Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Volunteers baked more than 10,000 cookies for the single Airmen and the families of deployed Airmen Dec. 16 during Operation Cookie Crunch.

"The importance of the cookie drive is for morale building," said Kris Horton, OCC project coordinator. "Providing home-baked goodies for our single Airmen and families of the deployed is a simple sentiment that sends a message that there is big family here at Eielson who appreciates the hard work and sacrifices they are making everyday—especially in such a cold environment."

With temperatures dipping down to -20F, the harsh cold and dark environment of Interior Alaska poses some unique challenges. However, those challenges didn't prevent volunteers at Eielson Air Force Base from contributing to the project.

"With only four hours of daylight to deal with, we had to put spotlights on all our signs on base, so that Airmen and their families could know about the event and help out," Mrs. Horton said. "We also had to have outdoor heaters placed at the cookie drive-through drop-off so that our volunteers could stay warm."

More than 30 volunteers helped make the event a success with everything from baking and collecting cookies at the cookie drive-through drop-off to wrapping and boxing up cookies.

"In less than three hours we were finished boxing, wrapping and attaching ribbons to all of the cookies," Mrs. Horton said. "This project would not have been a success without our large force of volunteers and bakers."

Thanks to those volunteers and bakers, Airmen and families of deployed Airmen will get to taste 'good cheer' in the form of cookies this holiday season.

DEPLOYMENT CORNER

Health check-up vital upon return from deployment

by Tech. Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Icemen deploying soon will have two opportunities to let healthcare workers know of their mental and physical health status upon their return to Eielson.

In December, the Air Force began requiring all Airmen returning from deployments to complete a post-deployment health reassessment.

The PDHRA needs to be completed between 90 and 180 days after returning home from a deployment. The PDHRA complements the post-deployment health assessment, which Airmen complete at the end of their deployments.

"The PDHRA is a way of assessing and capturing information about the mental and physical health issues that may not immediately materialize upon a return home," said Lt. Col. Cori Culver, 354th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

"By enhancing the existing procedures we have that monitor Airmen's health, the PDHRA is an additional tool we have to check the health of Icemen after deployment."

Hundreds of Airmen from the 354th Fighter Wing are expected to deploy to Southwest Asia over the next few weeks and Colonel Culver said she believes deploying Airmen need

to give themselves a thorough self evaluation prior to their deployment so they will know how to accurately answer some questions proposed in the PDHRA.

A four-page Department of Defense form called DD2900, the PDHRA is already available online. However, upon return to Eielson, Airmen will not fill out the paper form. Instead, some 90 days after returning from overseas, unit deployment managers will send them a link to a Web-based version of the form.

The results of Icemen's PDHRA will be sent to the Eielson clinic for review by medical staff. At the Airman's request, or as the result of a determination made by someone reviewing their assessment, an Airman may be called in to discuss potential health concerns with a medical professional.

"If folks indicate they are experiencing some symptoms, then they will have an opportunity to meet with a health care provider who will do a more in-depth assessment," Colonel Culver said. "Then we will provide them with follow-up care if it is needed."

This PDHRA has a lot more focus on mental health issues, according to Lt. Col. Jim Favret, clinical consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General for the biomedical science corps. He said the Air Force wants to send the message to folks that it is perfectly normal that at different points in our lives

we have mental health concerns, especially after a stressful deployment, and that it is okay to acknowledge that and to seek help.

While the PDHRA is not a substitute for a consultation with a medical professional, it is another opportunity for Airmen to let the Air Force know about their health status. And it is another opportunity to catch something serious before it can escalate.

"The health of servicemembers is a critical part of being mission ready," Colonel Favret said. "I think this will help Airmen by giving them an opportunity to express concerns and problems they are having and have them addressed by a health care provider as they emerge."

The PDHRA gathers information from Airmen about their current health status with questions similar to what might be filled out when visiting a doctor's office. For instance, the assessment provides a list of symptoms Airmen can select. There are also questions about injuries or wounds sustained during deployment and potential exposure to environmental hazards.

The paper version of the PDHRA can be found at: www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/forminfo/forminfo3292.html.

(Tech. Sgt. William Farrow contributed to this article)

DWI CLOCK

Maintained by the 354th Security Forces Squadron

Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI:
2

Need a free ride home?
377-RIDE

Days until goal:
58

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 10 rides last weekend and have 'saved' 4,509 lives to date.

Icemen should remember the following three prong approach:
HAVE A PLAN;
STICK TO THE PLAN, if the plan fails
USE YOUR SAFETY NET.

Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) offers Icemen discounted rides back to base. AADD, at 377-RIDE offers free rides 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

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CORNER*What's in your bank account?***Commander's
Hotline****377-6100**

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them.

Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you've contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem.

Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Col. Dave Scott
354th Fighter Wing commander

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by Maj. Todd Craigie
18th Fighter Squadron Plans Officer

Have you considered what to do with your 3.1 percent basic pay raise that went into effect Sunday? You basically have three choices. You can: 1) trade your "new" money for goods or services, 2) "preserve" it by putting it in a cookie jar or savings account, or 3) put it to work for you by giving it the opportunity to grow in an investment.

This article focuses on the following investment opportunities that are available to you in 2006: the Roth Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA), the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and state-sponsored College Savings Plans (529 Plans).

There are a variety of income sources you may tap into if you retire, become disabled, or die: Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (and other disability and life insurance), Social Security, military (or corporate) pension(s), donations from family or friends, working later in life and your retirement investments.

In recent years, Congress passed legislation specifically designed to help you enjoy a more comfortable retirement — the only catch is these opportunities aren't "give-aways;" you must be an active financial participant (you must have the financial discipline to invest). Social Security is projected to run dry sometime around 2030. Are you aware that DoD-sponsored commissions have suggested restructuring the military retirement system (for example, increasing the years of service to be eligible for retirement from 20 to 30 (or more years) in order to reduce personnel costs?

We'll start our discussion by taking an in-depth look at the Roth IRA.

In my experience, most people have several misconceptions about the Roth IRA. The Roth IRA is not a specific investment; rather, it is a label that the Internal Revenue Service applies to an investment. Investments that carry the Roth IRA "label" are entitled to special tax rules, but the IRS requires a significant amount of paperwork. Most financial institutions charge Roth IRA account holders a nominal annual fee (usually around \$10-\$20) to help offset the increased costs associated with the increased paperwork. Unfortunately, Congress has imposed annual limits on the amount of money you can put into your Roth IRA.

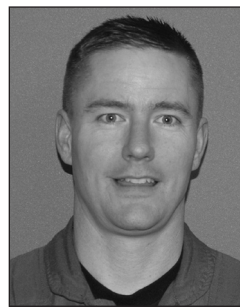
What this means to you is that all interest, dividends, and/or capital gains that are generated by your investment each year are not subject to Federal income tax—ever (unless Congress changes the law). For example, let's consider two \$1,000 investments, one which is a Roth IRA, and one that is just an ordinary account. The accounts are identical, both in "XYZ Savings Account." Over the past year, XYZ Bank paid five percent interest on both accounts. Both accounts would net \$50 in interest. The account holder would owe tax (at the highest rate) on the interest from the ordinary account. Let's assume the account owner in this example is in the 15 percent tax bracket. That means the Roth IRA account balance would be \$1,050; the ordinary account balance would be \$1,050 minus $(1-.15) \times \$50$ interest = \$1,042.50. In this example, the account owner would keep an extra \$7.50 working in his/her Roth IRA investment. Over long periods of time (i.e. 20 years), this advantage translates into a rather significant amount of money. But the advantages of the Roth IRA don't stop there.

Additionally, when you start withdrawing money from a Roth IRA, you don't have to pay Federal income tax on any of your gains (tax-free withdrawals is an advantage that doesn't exist with Traditional IRAs, the TSP, and 401(k) plans). Of course, there are two catches: the age 59 1/2 rule and the "you earned too much income" to contribute to a Roth IRA rule.

Since Congress expects you to use Roth IRA-generated income in "retirement", you cannot withdraw from a Roth IRA before age 59 1/2 without incurring a 10 percent penalty on all earnings.

To learn more about the Roth IRA, visit www.troweprice.com, click on "Investment Planning & Tools," then click on "The Roth IRA: A Review". For all active duty military members, given the choice between investing in a Roth IRA or the TSP, I recommend that you maximize your (and your non-working spouse's) Roth IRA before you consider putting money into the TSP.

TSP for the Uniformed Services is a relatively new benefit; civil service employees have been allowed to contribute to the TSP for many years. Congress intended that the TSP replace the pension for civil service employees and that the TSP supplement



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Maj. Todd Craigie
18th Fighter Squadron Plans Officer

the military pension system. The TSP is analogous to a corporation's 401(k) plan. A 401(k) plan is a retirement plan that is mostly funded by employee contributions. Visit the TSP link on www.mypay.mil.

Starting in 2006, the base pay limit has been eliminated. What does that mean for you? It means that everyone in uniform now has the opportunity to maximize his/her TSP contributions. However, the pay system has limitations, and deductions to your pay must come out before any TSP contributions.

Just like a Roth IRA, all of the earnings grow tax-deferred. Unlike the Roth IRA, the money you contribute to the TSP is "pre-tax" money; that is, you are not taxed in the current year on money that you contribute to the TSP (but you will be taxed on the entire amount in the year(s) when you withdraw your TSP investment). The TSP is portable, and if you decide to not make the military a career, all of the money (contributions and earnings) in your TSP account is yours to keep. You can elect to keep your money in the TSP or opt to "roll it over" into your new employer's 401(k) plan; alternatively, you can "roll it over" into a Rollover IRA with any financial institution.

The TSP offers several low cost "funds" into which you can direct your money.

To learn more about the TSP, visit www.tsp.gov and www.mypay.dfas.mil.

Our final investment vehicle is designed to pay for post-high school educational expenses at most nationwide accredited vocational schools, community colleges, and universities. This investment is commonly referred to as a state-sponsored college savings plan, or 529 Plan.

529 Plans allow a sponsor (who owns and controls the account) to name a beneficiary (the student whose post-

high school educational expenses will be paid). The sponsor and anyone else (grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends, etc.) can contribute as much as they want (annual combined contribution amounts are limited--for 2005 the Alaska College Savings Plan combined contribution limit was \$ 250,000 per account). 529 Plans enjoy special Federal tax treatment, similar to Roth IRAs. The money contributed to a 529 Plan is "after tax" money. Investments in a 529 Plan grow tax "deferred" and when you withdraw your investment, you will pay no Federal taxes if the money is used for "qualified" educational expenses (i.e., tuition, lab fees, books, room and board, etc.). 529 Plans are very flexible: the beneficiary doesn't have to be your child; the beneficiary can be a parent, spouse, or friend; you can change beneficiaries (certain rules apply); and you can change the underlying investment(s) or investment mix (within the constraints of the Plan).

To learn more about state-sponsored college savings plans (529 Plans) visit www.collegeboard.com (the easiest way to access the 529 Plan article is to do a Google search for "529 Plans" and click on the collegeboard hit), www.collegesavings.org or www.savingforcollege.com.

No matter what your financial situation, you must take control of your financial future. You (and your family) cannot afford to neglect this extremely important responsibility.

Make 2006 the year that you "take control of your financial future" by learning more about the Roth IRA, TSP and the 529 Plan.

Personal financial courses are taught through the Family Support Center. Call 377-2178.

(Maj. Craigie is a personal finance instructor for the FSC).

SERVICES PROGRAMS

Editor's Note: For a list of other classes and programs call 377-3268 or surf to www.eielsonservices.com. Please RSVP for classes.

Programs

Texas Hold 'em tournaments, 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays at the Yukon Club. Call 377-1075.

Deployed bowling for family members, 5-7 p.m., Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

Trap shoot, 5-9 p.m., Tuesdays at the skeet and trap range. Instruction, ammunition and loaner guns are available. Call 377-5338.

FitFactor weekly events, 2:30 p.m., Fridays at the youth center.

Monday Night Football, 4-9 p.m., Mondays at Yukon Jake's.

Knitting class, 2-4 p.m., Saturdays at the youth center. Call 377-3194.

Skeet league, log 50 targets per week. Any adult, active duty, family member, civilian or retiree may join the league. Call 377-5338.

Chess club, 5:30 p.m., Thursdays at the community center. Call 377-2642.

Bowling instruction is available by reservation at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.



Seafood Extravaganza

A Seafood Extravaganza is 5-9 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Yukon Club. Alaskan King Crab legs and Jumbo Shrimp will be served. Cost is \$34. There are discounts for club members and youth. Children age 5 and younger are free. The full club menu will be available through Yukon Jake's. Call 377-5219.

Birch Lake, Valdez

Birch Lake and Valdez recreation site reservations for summer can be made at outdoor recreation for active duty members at Eielson. Reservations must be made in person at Ice-man Falls Lodge. For more information, call 377-1328.



Friday

❖ A Deployed Family Bowl Special takes place 5-7 p.m. Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes.

❖ Kids Night Out is 6:30 p.m. at the youth center. Cost is \$5. Call 377-3194.

❖ Family Monster Toy Night is 5:30 p.m. at the community center. Call 377-2642.

Saturday

❖ A Snowboard Trip to Moose Mountain is 8 a.m. to 4p.m. beginning at outdoor recreation. Call 377-1328.

Sunday

❖ A Sunday Family Bowl Special takes place noon to 5 p.m. at Arctic Nite Lanes

Monday

❖ The Arts and Crafts Center re-opens 9 a.m. today at Bldg. 2539. Call 377-4880.

❖ A Family Child Care Training Day is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the community center. Call 377-3636 or 377-2625.

Tuesday

❖ A Deployed Spouses' U-Fix Workshop is 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Call 377-2642

Wednesday

❖ An introductory skeet and trap lesson takes place 5 p.m. at Ice-man Falls. Call 37-SKEET.

❖ A Frame and Mat Class takes place 6-8 p.m. at arts and crafts. Call 377-4880.

Thursday

❖ Quilting Class is 6-8 p.m. at arts and crafts. Call 377-4880.

Jan. 13

❖ All-Sports Family Bingo is 5:30 p.m. at the community center. Pay \$3 for ten games.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ben Eielson parents

A parent's team meeting, for parents of seniors graduating from Ben Eielson High School, is 11 a.m. Jan. 14 at the High School Library.

Expired decals

Security forces will be issuing verbal reminders for personnel with expired DD Form 2219s (Registered Vehicle Expiration) decals to have them renewed at pass and registration. Beginning February, security forces will issue Air Force Form 75s for entry on to the base. Call 377-1033.

MOPS Meetings

A Mothers of Preschoolers meeting is 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 6-8 p.m. Jan. 26 at the community center. Call Kelly Straker at 372-2691.

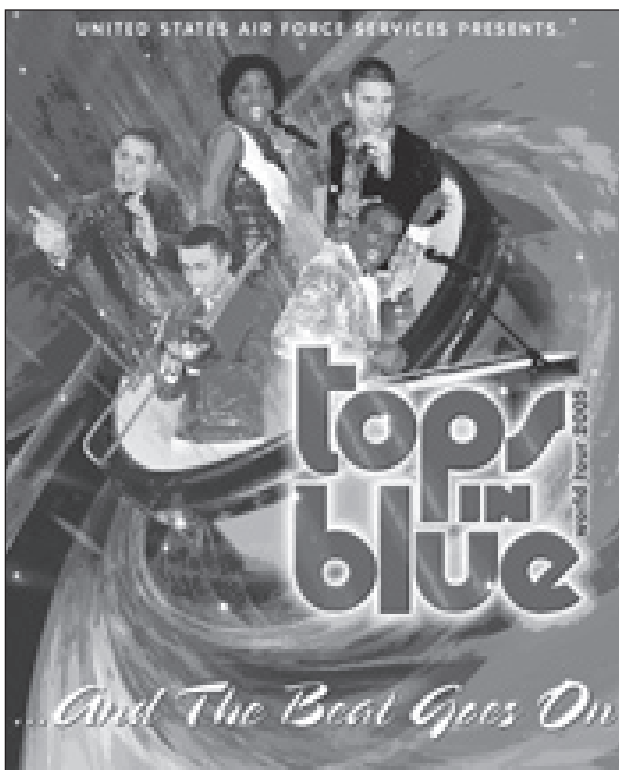
Spouses' deployment fair

A Spouses' Deployment Fair for deploying and non-deploying families is 4-7 p.m., Thursday at the community center. The fair includes free video recordings for spouses to read bedtime stories, holiday family photos, drawings for overnight hotels and door prizes. Call 377-3071 or 377-2130.

Snow, ice removal

Icemen are reminded to remove snow and ice from sidewalks, driveways and fire hydrants within 24-hours of snowfall.

Tops In Blue dances into town



The Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment 7 p.m. Jan. 17 and 18 at the base theater.

In this year's show, Tops In Blue 2006 drums up their own rhythm in their swinging nightclub, Club Bleu. Audiences will be tapping their feet to pulsating music from great performers like the Platters, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Billy Joel, Gloria Estafan, The Weather Girls and many more. No Tops In Blue show would be complete without famous patriotic music, as they pay tribute to all Air Force personnel and their families who serve our nation with pride and dedication.

"Tops In Blue is the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force Entertainment. "The new 2006 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers

throughout the Air Force."

The Tops In Blue 2006 team will visit more than 120 locations in the U.S. and 25 foreign countries. Their official web site is www.topsinblue.com and provides information about the 2006 touring schedule and how to join the team.

For more show information, call George at 377-3642.

Fast Facts

- ❖ Did you know that Tops In Blue...
- ❖ Has performed at six World Fairs
- ❖ Has performed for over 100 State Fairs and Festivals
- ❖ Has produced five movies and two albums
- ❖ Has performed before a single audience of 420,000
- ❖ Had their TV debut in 1954 on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town"
- ❖ Has performed in six Bob Hope Specials

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame is a program for group commanders to recognize Airmen for excellent job performance.



**Tech. Sgt.
Andy Emerick**
Manpower Specialist
354th MSS
Cumberland, Md.



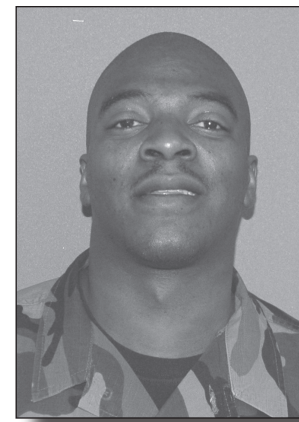
**Master Sgt.
Richard Fairchild**
*Programs and resources
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**Senior Airman
Jeremy Hintze**
Munitions Controller
354th MXS
Richwood, Texas



**Airman
Brittney Homick**
Health Service Manager
Apprentice
354th MDSS
Tampa, Fla.



**Staff Sgt.
Thuduras Piert**
Pharmacy Technician
354th MDSS
Houston, Texas

“As Eielson’s manpower team chief for BRAC his team has spent endless hours defending the wing’s post-BRAC manpower needs. Eielson is projected to lose 634 manpower billets to the realignment of the A-10s. His foresight and due diligence has saved the wing from losing an additional 150 manpower positions, valued at nearly \$9.5 million.”

“He consistently possesses intellectual courage and the proven capacity to lead. He was acting first sergeant for the 354th MOS where he generated emergency leave for two troops and had orders for both in hand in less than one hour. As resource advisor, he used hard hitting justifications which ensured the procurement of 16 new computers. Finally, as unit deployment manager, he expeditiously prepared the pre-deployment out-processing of 240 maintainers with zero discrepancies.

“He is responsible for the daily reconciliation of live and inert training munitions valued at over \$9 million in support of the wing’s 44 A-10 and F-16 aircraft. He recently coordinated implementation of new AFI directed daily status reporting procedures, ensuring 100 percent asset tracking. He is also responsible for monitoring the status of 810 pieces of munitions handling equipment and 54 vehicles. Airman Hintze has always displayed a professional image and great dedication towards the Air Force.”

“Her attitude and attention to detail provides great customer service to our TRICARE beneficiaries. Her leadership abilities are evident by her “take charge” attitude for someone so junior in rank. She is a valuable asset to the 354th MDSS and to the Air Force.”

“He is a razor sharp NCO and an outstanding pharmacy technician. His positive attitude and motivation ensure all operations run smoothly and effortlessly. This includes the expert management of our pharmacy supply account valued at more than 810 thousand dollars.”

2005: An Icemen year to remember

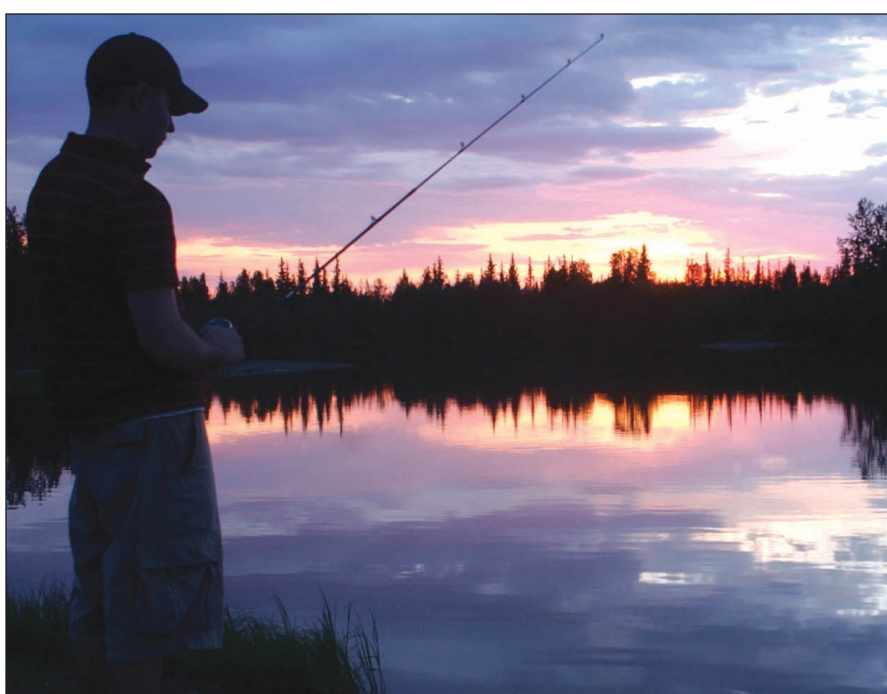
For the Iceman Team, 2005 was a year to remember. Deployments, a multi-national ARCTIC SAREX, OREs and multiple COPE Thunder exercises kept the Iceman Team extremely busy. However, there have been special moments that only living in Alaska can provide. Following is a feature highlighting some of these events.



Far left, Staff Sgt. Robert Daly, 354th Medical Group, looks into Senior Airman Derek Uburtis' eyes for discoloration, unequal pupil dilation, foreign objects or blood in the eye's anterior chamber during a training exercise in August. Left, Icemen participated in the Ability to Survive and Operate Rodeo in September. The annual ATSO Rodeo is a two hour-long intensive course designed to show each participant's capability to demonstrate basic war-fighter skills while continuing to survive and operate in protective gear.



Above, Senior Master Sgt. Robert Appling, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy fire chief, passed out candy to children in March, during a visit to Bedouin camps near Tallil AB, Iraq. Sergeant Appling was part of an outreach program that gave toys, shoes and clothes to needy children. Right, Senior Airman Gabriel Cox, 354th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance scheduler, found time to enjoy midnight fishing in July at Polaris Lake. Base lakes are stocked with trout, grayling, arctic char and silver salmon.



Above, Capt. Brain Ferguson, 18th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, awaited alarm conditions before proceeding to his jet during the phase II exercise in May. Right, A moose stopped to observe the American flag in base housing in June.



Above, maintainers like Staff Sgt. Dusty Surber, 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron A-10 crew chief, stayed busy performing operational checks and inspecting aircraft ensuring pilot safety.



Prior to their August deployment, the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron Maj. Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr., U.S. Army Alaska commanding general, and 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team leadership, during the 172nd SBCT Deployment Ceremony at Fort Wainwright.